

Leicester, July 28/74.

Dear friend Garrison,

I am in fault for not having sooner made known to you my entire acquiescence in the sale of the Nell set of the Liberator to Miss Weston. I was away from home (at the Isles of Shoals) when your letter, enclosing hers, came; and I only returned home last night. But Ade. had written to me the contents of your letter, and I intended (!) to write to you at once ~~on~~ the subject, - but in the half-dreaminess of sea-life (for it is much like being at sea - without the ^{pleasure} malady to be at the Shoals,) I forgot it. Please forgive me. I am most glad to have C. W. have the set, and also for the very substantial addition to the fund for Mrs. Nell. -

There is only this one regret; - I was writing the Librarian of Cornell Univ: only a day or two after getting your Nell Circular, (about a different matter entirely,) and I mentioned to him the probability of his library's getting this set of "The Liberator". Of course it will be a temporary

disappointment to them; but if Mr. Phillips
should think it proper to let them know
of his kind intentions, as to a substitute
for Mr. Nell's set, all would be right.
I have the "Liberator" from 1 Jan. 1840. to the
end (say 26 years), complete & without
a single number wanting, as I believe, —
which I hope may be made serviceable
for some such public use. — I gave
to "Cornell", some 2 or more years
ago, my "Standard" complete, from
beginning to 1866.

~ We very much enjoyed our visit
to the "Shoals". It is a perfect summer
resort, we think, so far as no heat,
no dust, a pure, sweet, soft air, a
very even temperature, entire quiet
& abundant appliances for daily com-
fort & refreshment, are concerned. —

Our affectionate regards to Mrs. G.
of whose health we hope soon to hear
better accounts. Truly & affly Yrs. S. May